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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"In view of the seriousness of the allegations made in regard to this, may I know whether the Government will call for the information?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I don't think it is necessary to call for it."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"May I take it, Sir, that the Government are satisfied that there have been such cases?"

The hon Mr A. Y. G. CAMPBELL .—"No, Sir, the Government are not aware of such cases."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know who authorized the tahsildars to issue circulars withholding water for cultivation purposes? I myself have seen some of those circulars."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I am not aware of any such circulars."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I have heard tahsildars declaring that they have been duly authorized to issue those circulars."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I have not heard of any such circulars."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—"Will Government issue now at least orders to their subordinates not to hinder the supply of water to cultivators?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"It is open to the aggrieved parties to appeal to the Collector who will look into the matter."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, Sir, why water has been disallowed to irrigable lands when as a matter of fact it has been allowed for the last so many years even on the footing of wet lands?"

The hon Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"If these complaints are brought to the notice of the Collector by the aggrieved parties, he will no doubt look into them."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"Considering the fact that there is a widespread impression that such orders have been issued, will the Government reconsider this question and call for the information?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I would prefer to leave the matter to the persons affected to resort to the usual procedure which is open to them."

Land Assignment

Application for grant of land by Diwan Bahadur D. Seshagiri Rao.

* 209 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Diwan Bahadur D. Seshagiri Rao, Advocate of Cocanada, has applied for a grant of land in the district of East Godavari;

(b) what is the extent of the land that he has applied for;

(c) what is the recommendation of the Collector of the District thereon;

(d) whether this gentleman has been organising the People's Party and Loyalists' meetings in the district; and

(e) at what stage the question is at present?

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A.—(a), (b) & (c) The gentleman in question made no application for a grant of land. The Collector has recommended that such a grant should be made to him. The proposal is under the consideration of Government.

(d) The gentleman in question played a prominent part in combating the civil disobedience movement in 1921–22 and again last year.

(e) Detailed proposals are awaited from the Collector.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (a), (b) and (c), may I know whether it is a fact that the Collector recommended assignment of land to this gentleman on the ground that he played a prominent part in combating the civil disobedience movement ? '

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know whether there was any civil disobedience movement in 1921–22 ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—' Yes, there was one movement then which was called the non-co-operation movement ? "

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—" What is the minimum extent of land awarded to a person who combats the civil disobedience movement, and in what particular manner should he combat the civil disobedience movement to entitle him to an award of land ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I do not know of any rules on the subject."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Am I to understand that if the parties concerned in the previous question do not move in the matter, the Government are not going to do anything ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know why Government are favourably disposed in this case ; whereas they take an opposite attitude in the previous question ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The gentleman concerned in this question assisted the Government in restoring law and order : those referred to in the previous question have apparently been taking the opposite course."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" In the latter cases you punish them also ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Possibly."

Assignment of lands in Harivanam village, Adoni taluk.

*210 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the occupation of the Survey No. 120 (a) of Harivanam, Adoni taluk, Bellary district, was considered objectionable and the occupant was charged penalties during the last two years and was once ejected from the land ;